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LETTER DATED 18 FEBRUARY 1999 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF YUGOSLAVIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to forward a copy of the letter (see annex) that the President of the Republic of Serbia, Mr. Milan Milutinovic, addressed to the Foreign Ministers of the member States of the Contact Group.

I also have the honour to kindly request you to have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Vladislav JOVANOVIC
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Annex

Having regard that the current talks in Rambouillet, France, have been initiated by the Contact Group, I wish to draw your attention to the requests made to us to accept a document, a military annex, namely foreign military troops on the territory of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. Neither this issue nor the document, as far as we know, have been subject to discussion or approval by the Contact Group.

While the Rambouillet meeting has been proceeding, the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia has repeatedly been subjected to public threats of military aggression pronounced by high representatives of certain countries and organizations.

As these requests and threats have not been discussed or approved by the Contact Group, I am writing to you to seek protection from any such unacceptable and unfounded requests and threats. I should like to point out that they do not only contradict the efforts and political objectives of the Rambouillet talks, but they also represent a flagrant violation of the Charter of the United Nations and the basic principles of international relations.

(Signed) Milan MILUTINOVIC

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